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SUBJECT: PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE

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1. PRC PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN US BEGINNING APRIL 3 IS ONE OF THE LARGEST PRC DELEGATIONS TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES AND WILL PRESENT A VARIETY OF TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY MUSICAL AND DANCE PRODUCTIONS. AMONG THE FEATURED PERFORMERS WILL BE YIN CHENG-CHUNG, THE PIANIST WHO APPEARED WITH THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA IN 1973. THE CHINESE OBVIOUSLY ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THIS DELEGATION, AND HAVE HIGH EXPECTATION S FOR ITS SUCCESS.

2. USLO OFFICERS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW MOST OF THE NUMBERS AT A CULTURAL EVENING DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT LAST NOVEMBER, AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE GROUP WILL MEET RATHER MIXED REACTIONS FROM U.S. AUDIENCES. WHILE MANY OF THE TRADITIONAL NUMBERS ARE COLORFUL AND, IN THE CASE OF CLASSICAL MUSIC, VERY APPEALING, THE CONTEMPORARY NUMBERS, PARTICULARLY THE STAND-UP SOLOS, ARE DULL.

UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS THESE MORE REVOLUTIONARY NUMBERS THAT ARE PROBABLY CLOSEST TO THE CHINESE HEARTS.

3. ON MARCH 11 MR. BUSH HOSTED A RECEPTION FOR THE ADVANCE PARTY WHIC
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WILL VISIT US TO CHECK STAGING AND AUDITORIUM ARRANGEMENTS. GROUP

DEPARTS PEKING MARCH 18 TRAVELLING VIA PARIS, AND WILL VISIT
WASHINGTON AS FIRST STOP. ADVANCE PARTY LEADER CHOU WEI-LUN IMPRESSED
US AS A PLEASANT, AND BY CHINESE STANDARDS, SOPHISTICATED INDIVIDUAL.
CHEN TZU-YING, THE ADVANCE PARTY INTERPRETER ALSO APPEARS VERY ABLE.
HE VISITED THE UNITED STATES PREVIOUSLY WITH THE SHENYANG
ACROBATIC TROUPE.
BUSH

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